



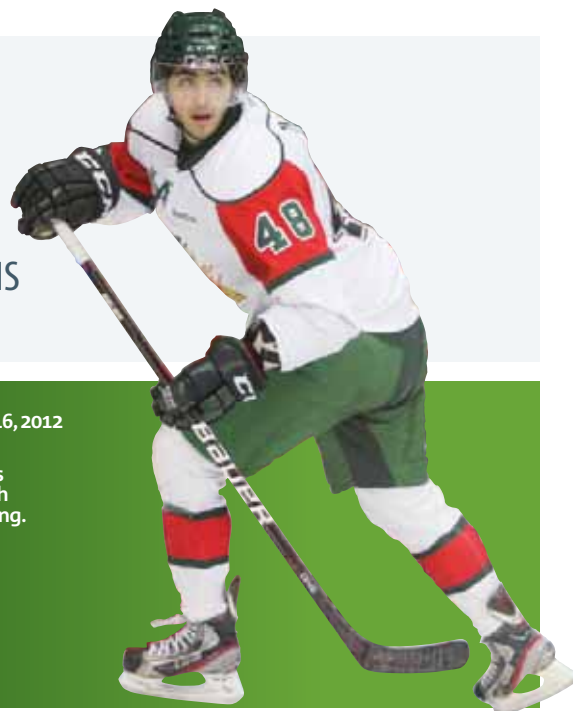
## Fire set at Old Mill after its last call

Police are investigating a small fire that was set behind the tavern, which closed its doors on the weekend. Another Wyse Road business was also affected PAGE 3

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## COOL DOWN

Jonathan Zitouni celebrates his ninth birthday and cools down in a fountain at Westmount Park in Montreal on Sunday. The recent hot, dry weather in the Maritimes, Ontario and Quebec has led to environmental concerns. Story, page 6.

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# Tall ships are sailing our way

**All aboard.** First vessels for Halifax Tall Ships Festival scheduled to arrive late Wednesday

In just four days, downtown Halifax will be bombarded with thousands of people ready to celebrate another Tall Ships Festival in the city.

More than 20 ships will be docked along the harbour starting Thursday, with over 400 crew members ready to share their nautical stories and give tours.

"We're showcasing the best of Nova Scotia through the ships, history, music and food," said Leanne Strathdee, director of marketing and communications for the Waterfront Development, who is hosting the festival.

The tall ships have been coming to Halifax since 1984. More than 600,000 people came to the last festival in 2009.

Providing a backdrop for an abundance of activities happening around the waterfronts in Halifax and Dartmouth, this is the last stop on the Atlantic Challenge tall-ships race.

Strathdee said the theme this year is centered on the War of 1812.



The Brazilian naval ship Cisne Branco, left, and the Russian tall ship Kruzenshtern during the Parade of Sail in 2009. METRO FILE

Local composer Christopher Palmer has worked with CBC to arrange a 2012 Overture. Performed by the Tall Ships Orchestra, the overture will have its world premiere Saturday night. They will also perform the 1812 Overture.

Musicians will also be performing throughout the weekend, with a special show by Hey Rosetta! on George's Island Saturday.

Food vendors will be set up along the waterfront every day of the five-day event.

"Parking will be limited downtown. We're advising

people take transit or find an alternative way to get to events," said Strathdee.

The Downtown Halifax Business Commission will provide free transportation on a blue double-decker bus.

The festivities end Monday at noon during the popular Parade of Sail, when each of the ships will parade down the harbour and sail off to other ports around the province.

The tall ships can be boarded from noon to 5 p.m. on Thursday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday.

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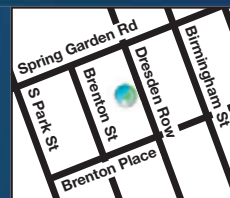


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## 3 arrests. Men fired BB gun at vehicles, say police

Three men are facing charges for allegedly shooting at drivers with a BB gun over the weekend. Halifax RCMP were called to Bissett Road in Cole Harbour on Saturday night after receiving reports of three males jumping out at vehicles on the street.

One of the men was reported to have a pistol, which he was waving at drivers as they passed. One driver told police that a shot from the gun smashed their side window.

When police arrived just before 11 p.m., they say they found and arrested the men, aged 18, 20 and 21, and confirmed that the pistol was, in fact, a BB gun. Police say the men were held in custody over the weekend until a court appearance Monday. There were no injuries. **METRO**

### Dartmouth

## Man in serious condition after weekend assault

An argument with a stranger on a Metro Transit bus has led to one man being taken to hospital with serious injuries. Halifax Regional Police were called to the Dartmouth Sportsplex parking lot late Saturday night after receiving reports of an injured man.

Police say the victim was arguing with an 18-year-old male on a bus. The argument continued after they left the bus, and a fight broke out. The victim was knocked to the ground, and taken to hospital with serious injuries. The 18-year-old was arrested for assault and breach of a court order. **METRO**

# Police investigating fires at The Old Mill Tavern, Wyse Buys

**Last call.** Damage to Dartmouth watering hole comes on its final day in business



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While police were investigating one fire behind a Wyse Road business, they believe someone or a group of people was setting another one right across the street.

Halifax Regional Police were called to The Old Mill Tavern at 200 Wyse Rd. just after 1 a.m. Sunday morning. Security had reported a small fire behind the building causing minor damage to the tavern's outer wall.

While police and fire investigators put out that fire, another one broke out down the street at Wyse Buys at 195 Wyse Rd. Police don't know how many people were involved, but the perpetrators somehow managed to elude police in the 10-minute interval between reports of fire.

According to police spokesperson Sgt. Christina Martin, fire was set to some wood behind each of the buildings. "It sounds like there were some articles that were found at the scene that were set on fire," Martin said Sunday afternoon.

"Some articles were in behind both of those buildings and ... that's what was set on fire ... a bit of wood."

Martin characterized the damage to each building as minor, and was hopeful there were witnesses in the area at the time. Saturday was The Old



Police tape surrounds fire damage to the back of The Old Mill Tavern in Dartmouth on Sunday. ALEX BOUTILLIER/METRO

### Investigation

- Halifax Regional Police are treating the two fires as connected. Anyone with information about the fires is asked to contact HRP at 490-5016 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

Mill Tavern's last day of business, 50 years after it opened on the downtown Dartmouth street. The famous watering hole was shutting down because its landlord had sold the land to Sobey's. Police do not believe the fires had any connection to that event.



The Old Mill Tavern. ALEX BOUTILLIER/METRO

# 1 NEWS

### On the web

## The Boss gets cut off

British rock fans were treated to an abrupt end to a concert when Bruce Springsteen and Paul McCartney had their mics cut off by concert promoters at a London gig over the weekend. Go to [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca) to find out why the Boss and the Beatle were silenced.

### Mobile news



Tony Stark himself (Robert Downey Jr.) joined Marvel Studios boss Kevin Feige at the San Diego Comic-Con this weekend to announce Marvel's upcoming slate of super hero movies, and drop a few tantalizing clips from Iron Man 3. Scan the code to find out what else is coming up in Marvel's movie calendar.

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## Forest-fire rescue. FedEx puppies land safe and sound in Halifax

Dozens of puppies scheduled to fly with FedEx from Newfoundland and Labrador to Nova Scotia arrived safely in Halifax on Saturday morning.

The 60 puppies were rescued by the SPCA in Happy Valley-Goose Bay. A release says many of the province's puppies were left homeless after a series of forest fires in the area.

This month, SPCA spokesperson Bonnie Learning said the shelter usually ships the puppies to Halifax using Provincial Airlines but couldn't because the cargo hold is too hot



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in the summer. FedEx heard the SPCA's Twitter appeal and organized a one-time charter flight free of cost.

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## Rural paving program. Company delays delivery of mobile asphalt plant

A plan to pave rural roads using the province's own mobile asphalt plant has been delayed.

Transportation Minister Maurice Smith said the \$3.6-million plant, bought from a Florida firm, was supposed to be in operation by June 30. He said the company, General Combustion Corp. of Orlando, has yet to deliver the plant.

But the province still plans to pave 90 kilometres of roads with the machine this season, Smith said, adding the work will be done in areas where there has been a lack of competitive bidding by the private sector.

The work is supposed to start in Victoria County in Cape Breton, but Smith did not provide a start date.

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## Ruckus. Dog spray used in teen fight at McDonald's

A 17-year-old girl was sprayed with dog spray at the McDonald's restaurant in Tantallon on Sunday.

RCMP say just before 6:30 p.m. two teenage girls, including the victim, got into a fight between two sets of doors entering the fast-food chain. After the dog spray was used, police say both girls ran from the restaurant and the suspect fled the scene.

Investigators have tried to interview the victim, but po-

### Spray melee

- While no one else was sprayed with the irritant, police say some people in the McDonald's may have been slightly contaminated by it.

lice say she isn't co-operating. They also say the two teens are known to each other.

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## Health. Cumberland County has a weight problem: Magazine

Cumberland County is the second-fattest region in Canada, according to Maclean's magazine.

"That's interesting," said Ann Keddy, director of public relations at the Cumberland Health Authority, "but not surprising."

On newsstands now, The Maclean's Book of Lists has a section titled Life, Love & Sex. Under the topic Health is a list of "the 10 most overweight regions of the country." Rated second is Colchester East Hants/Cumberland

### Other contenders

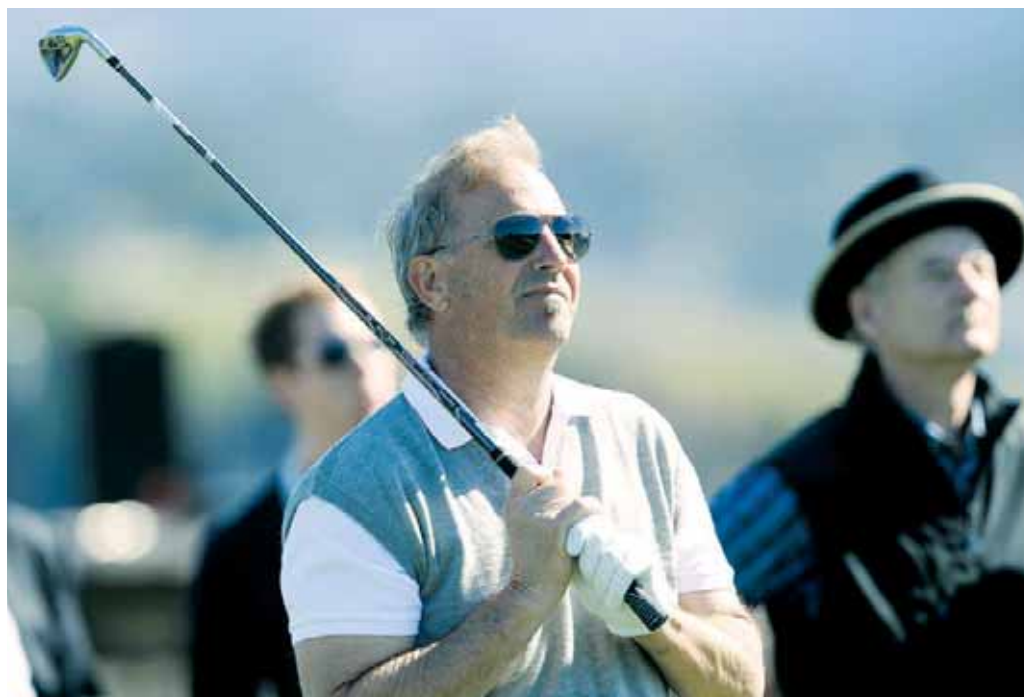
**73.4%**

First on the list is Burntwood in Churchill, Man., at 73.4 per cent. Third spot also goes to a Nova Scotia community: South Shore, South West, at 70.2 per cent.

health region, with 71.3 per cent of the population overweight or obese.

"Overall, we don't take good care of ourselves," Keddy said.

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## Costner and PGA greats will tee off at charity tournament

Kevin Costner is coming to town — to play golf. Telus says the Hollywood movie star and singer will tee off in the pro-am portion of the Telus World Skins Game at the Glen Harbour Golf Club on July 30 and 31. The pro-am takes place each morning, followed by the skins game in the afternoon featuring PGA tour players Paul Casey, Lucas Glover, Stephen Ames, Carl Pettersson and Jhonattan Vegas. STUART FRANKLIN/GETTY IMAGES

# 'It was the freakiest thing, like I was meant to be there'

## Good Samaritan.

Wrong number brings Wolfville man to elderly woman's rescue

### Quoted

"I listened and I was right there. It was a great feeling."

Stephen Dykens

Something stopped Stephen Dykens from hanging up on a wrong number recently — and he's glad he did.

The Wolfville resident was driving between New Minas and his home when his hands-free phone rang. An elderly woman was on the line.

"She was scared. She couldn't find her daughter and she thought she was having a stroke," Dykens recalled.

"I asked her where she was, she told me Greenwich Road and it was craziest thing — I lifted my head and I saw the sign for Greenwich

Road at that moment in time."

Dykens turned off Highway 1, looking for the address the woman had given him. He and his passenger, Monty Levy, found the house and Eileen O'Hara.

"She was distraught," he said. "I tried to comfort her, while my passenger dialed 911."

They stayed with O'Hara, who has been blind for more than 50 years, until paramedics arrived. Then Dykens contacted the daughter she had been trying to reach.

A second daughter, Ruth Gaul, said her mother, who



Next stop: Greenwich Road. TRANSCONTINENTAL MEDIA

is a cancer patient, turned out to have bleeding in her brain. O'Hara was later stabilized in hospital. Dykens called to check on her condition.

"There are angels," she said later. "A thank-you card is not enough."

Levy even went to visit O'Hara at Valley Regional

Hospital with his girlfriend.

Dykens said he ignored the impulse to hang up on the wrong number because O'Hara, who had dialed a single wrong digit, sounded legitimately in need.

"It was the freakiest thing, like I was meant to be there," he said.

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## NewPage power deal too risky: Consumer advocate

The proposed power-rate arrangement to reopen a Nova Scotia mill is too risky for ratepayers, a consumer advocate says.

Lawyer Bill Mahody has been appointed consumer advocate in the case by the province and the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board.

His views on the plan by

Pacific West Commercial Corp.'s to buy the NewPage Port Hawkesbury mill were released by the board before a public hearing on Monday.

The mill was shuttered in September 2011. Mill owners blamed high power and shipping costs and a strong Canadian dollar.

The deal hinges on ap-

### The deal

**\$33M**

Pacific West hopes to take possession of the mill in August, offering to pay \$33 million for the operation.

proval from the Canada Rev-

enue Agency as well as the utility board's approval of a complex partnership with Nova Scotia Power.

But Mahody says the amount of money Pacific West is willing to put into the partnership doesn't balance the risk of the proposed seven-year agreement.

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## Two lawn chairs, 350 balloons, a ton of courage

Oregon gas station owner Kent Couch and Iraqi adventurer Fareed Lafta lifted off Saturday from Couch's gas station in an attempt to fly 360 miles to Montana. The flight was a warm-up for a future one planned in Iraq. Thunderstorms in the region forced them to abort the mission and they descended, safely, from 3,000 metres. The balloons represented the colours of the U.S. and Iraqi flags. JOE KLINE/THE BULLETIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Suspects on terror list not flagged: Report

## Summer Olympics.

Fresh security concerns reported with the Games to start in London in just 12 days

Britain's Olympic security plans fell under fresh scrutiny Sunday, with a newspaper reporting that several people on a terror-watch list have been waved through airport border controls without being flagged.

At the same time officials are still trying to calm the uproar over a security contractor's failure to provide its promised number of staff.

The Observer newspaper's report is the latest in a series of last-minute concerns to surface as London gets ready to host the Olympic Games



Passengers at London's historic St. Pancras train station.  
CHARLIE RIEDEL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ity watch list whose arrival in the country was meant to have been reported to counter-terrorism police or Britain's domestic intelligence service.

The newspaper cited unions as suggesting that staff brought in to help relieve the pressure at Heathrow, which has faced recurring problems handling large influxes of passengers, weren't being properly trained.

The airport, Europe's busiest, has recently struggled to clear huge lines that build up at immigration checkpoints during peak times, leading to fears of Olympics-related chaos as tourists fly in to watch the games.

The paper's report left it unclear whether the people on the watch list were still in the country or whether they were intercepted later.

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# Questions remain over Romney's business history

The political uproar over Mitt Romney's history as a businessman opened the U.S. presidential campaign week Sunday as key advisers to the Republican candidate and U.S. President Barack Obama each hammered away at the issue that is consuming the race for the White House.

Romney continues to struggle with charges that he remained in control of Bain Capital, the private-equity firm he co-founded and the source of his massive fortune, well beyond when he contends he left the company in 1999 to run the Salt Lake City Olympic Games.

What's more, his campaign is encumbered with his failure to explain accounts he maintained overseas — in Switzerland, Bermuda and



Mitt Romney THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

the Cayman Islands.

Romney said again in five television interviews on Friday that he had no intention of releasing any more federal income-tax returns, a fact that is fuelling the Obama campaign's message that the former governor of Massa-

chusetts has not been transparent about his financial history. Romney has released his 2010 return and a partial estimate for 2011. Other candidates for U.S. president have provided far more information about their finances.

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## Jason Kenney speech

### Teen questioner arrested by cops

A protester who made it into a Conservative party barbecue in Edmonton says he was dragged out of the event and arrested by police when he tried to ask Immigration Minister Jason Kenney a question.

Bashir Mohamed, 17, planned to confront Kenney about the federal government's cuts to refugee health care.

Mohamed said he was born in a refugee camp in Kenya and came to Canada with his parents when he was three.

He said he stood up and began to ask a question while Kenney was speaking,

but was quickly grabbed by four men who pulled him outside.

He said police arrested him, but he was later released without charges.

"The police were very nice. They just wanted to figure out what was going on. I have nothing against the police," Mohamed said after he was released.

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## Formal declaration

## Syrian conflict a civil war: Red Cross

Syria's 16-month blood-bath crossed an important symbolic threshold Sunday as the international Red Cross formally declared the conflict a civil war, a status with implications for potential war-crimes prosecutions. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Ribfest

## Lightning sends 17 to hospital

Seventeen people were hospitalized with non-life-threatening injuries on Sunday after lightning struck a tent with hundreds of people inside at a food festival in Whitby, Ont. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Sex-abuse scandal

## Paterno's halo removed

An artist has removed a halo from a mural of football coach Joe Paterno amid the school's sex-abuse scandal. The artist added a large blue ribbon instead on Paterno's lapel symbolizing support for child-abuse victims. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



A portrait of Sue and Joe Paterno by artist Bill Rettig.  
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## Alexandria, Egypt

## Tower collapse kills 11

An apartment tower under construction collapsed on adjacent buildings in the Mediterranean city of Alexandria, killing 11 people, Egypt's Health Ministry said Sunday. The ministry said five other people were injured and that search teams were searching for survivors buried

under rubble.

The 11-storey building in the poor neighbourhood of al-Gomrouk collapsed late Saturday onto three adjacent buildings, reducing much of the structures to rubble. All the dead and injured lived in the three smaller buildings.

Building collapses are not uncommon in Egypt, where shoddy construction is widespread in shantytowns. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

# Forest fires up in Central, Eastern Canada

## Extreme weather.

St. Lawrence River dropping to low levels not seen in years

Extreme heat and dry conditions in parts of Central and Eastern Canada have led to a surge in forest fires, limits on water use and concerns about farmer crops.

This summer has seen record-setting temperatures in Ontario, Quebec and the Maritimes, along with far less rain

than normal in many areas.

Roberta Diaconesco of Environment Canada says Montreal normally gets over 90 mm of rain in July but has only had 21 mm so far this year. Some parts of southern Quebec haven't had rain for nearly two weeks, causing the St. Lawrence River to drop to levels that haven't been seen in years.

Melanie Morin of Quebec's forest fire monitoring service says there are currently over 20 forest fires burning in the province. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



A residential area is submerged by torrential rain overnight in Kyoto, Japan, Sunday. KYODO NEWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Dozens dead, thousands cut off after floods, mudslides hit Japan

Thousands of people in southern Japan remained cut off Sunday by floods and mudslides triggered by torrential rains that have killed at least 26 people, local authorities said.

Evacuation orders issued a day earlier for a quarter of a million people were lifted in most areas Sunday as the rains subsided, allowing many

people to return home.

But thousands remained cut off by landslides or fallen trees that blocked roads in mountainous areas.

More than 3,000 people were left stranded in Yame, in Fukuoka Prefecture in southwestern Japan, where roads were cut off to seven districts, the Kyodo news agency re-

ported, citing local authorities. The Japanese military airlifted food by helicopters to stranded districts.

Local officials raised the death toll from the torrential rains in the northern parts of the Kyushu region to 26 and six people remain missing in Kumamoto, Oita and Fukuoka prefectures, Kyodo reported.

Most of the victims were in their 70s and 80s.

In Yame, a 70-year-old man died after being caught in a landslide, while another man died in Yanagawa, also in Fukuoka, after being retrieved from a car at an irrigation channel floodgate, according to local authorities, Kyodo reported.

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## Arab Spring

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# Canada's domain registry celebrates 25-year mark

**Dot Canada.** Online suffix has now grown to become the 14th largest registry out of 250 worldwide

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The Canadian government, the bulk of the country's academic institutions and hundreds of sites that fuel national e-commerce are just a few of the two million domains that have chosen to append the .ca suffix to the end of

their websites.

It attracted only eight applicants when it was first conceived, but has now grown to become the 14th largest registry out of 250 worldwide, according to the Canadian Internet Regulation Authority, which oversees the network.

The man behind the .ca registry little envisioned such growth when he set out to carve out Canada's niche in cyberspace.

John Demco, then a computer science student at the University of British Columbia and now an industry consultant, said his decision to create the .ca suffix was driven largely by patriotism and a desire to make research easier.

Demco felt a uniquely Canadian top-level domain would smooth communications for researchers across the country while establishing the country's cyber identity.

## Early adopters

- Eight months after the .ca suffix was established on May 14, 1987, Demco began accepting applications from other institutions that wanted to join the fledgling network.
- The University of Prince Edward Island was the first to snap up a .ca address, followed shortly by five other universities and two research labs.

As the Internet became more cohesive and worked its way into more Canadian households, Demco watched his two-letter project grow to encompass some of the country's most prominent institutions.

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## Myanmar farmers stand up for their rights

A group of farmers stage a protest rally in Yangon, Myanmar, on Sunday. The farmers near Yangon region are fighting back against confiscation of their farmlands by local authorities and businesses. The protest was the first public assembly to be held after the Myanmar government introduced the new Peaceful Assembly and Peaceful Procession Law last year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Tech troubles

### RIM loses \$147.2M patent lawsuit

Research In Motion was hit with another setback Friday as a California jury ordered the company to pay \$147.2 million in a patent lawsuit. RIM said it is "disappointed" the jury sided with Mformation Technologies and is "evaluating all legal options." THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Resource development

### Aboriginals need resource say: Report

A new report due Monday from the Canadian Council of Chief Executives in advance of the annual meeting of premiers later this month is urging the provinces to make aboriginal communities full partners in developing energy and mining projects. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Global banking

### Canadian link to LIBOR scandal?

Documents filed in Ontario court suggest Canada's competition bureau is investigating a possible Canadian link to the scandal that's rocking the world of global banking — the manipulation of a key international interest rate known as the LIBOR rate. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# QUESTIONING CONVENTION- CENTRE WISDOM



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I'm guessing you won't find Philip Pacey, Beverly Miller or the Save the View Coalition on developer Joe Ramia's Christmas card list this year. But they should be on ours — and perhaps his, too.

Last week's Halifax regional council vote approving a memorandum of agreement between HRM and the province to build the new convention centre was quickly followed by Ramia's own triumphant, pre-Olympic-victory-lap/photo-op unveiling of his \$500-million Nova Centre convention-centre-hotel-office-tower-financial-centre project.

Which means it will now almost certainly be built.

And then we shall see.

Will the project integrate into and enhance our downtown, or become another harbour-view-blocking Maritime Centre-style architectural embarrassment?

Will the convention centre lure boatloads of international conventioners to our city, goosing the local service economy and kick-starting downtown revitalization, or turn into yet another taxpayer-funded white-elephant boondoggle?

## Taking the longer view

**"The most significant research and most insightful — and troubling — questions about the project have been raised ... by a small ragtag group of citizen volunteers with no personal vested interest in the outcome."**

We shall see.

What has been interesting about this two-year debate is that the most significant research and most insightful — and troubling — questions about the project have been raised not by politicians or the mainstream media but by a small ragtag group of citizen volunteers with no personal vested interest in the outcome.

People like Pacey, who's a retired chemistry professor, and Miller, a longtime community activist.

Their two key concerns:

the traditional preservationists' fear the new Nova Centre will obstruct views of the harbour from Citadel Hill, and the business-case objection that there is no business case.

It is the business-case concern that is most immediately troubling. Convention-centre opponents have raised serious questions about the often self-interested studies its boosters have used to justify government investment. Those questions have never been satisfactorily answered, and now we can only hope.

As for concern about preserving Halifax's historic character and protecting harbour views, it's worth reminding ourselves that much of what the all-too-dismissive-of-their-detectors convention-centre boosters will now be peddling to all those international convention-goers — the city's historic character and walkable waterfront — only exist today because of citizen activists like Pacey and Miller.

That's worth at least a Christmas card. Even, or especially, from Joe Ramia.

## A vote of Manx

**They're not kitten around: U.S. town says its cat mayor is purr-fect for tourism**

The mayor of a sleepy U.S. town is feline fine.

The part-Manx cat clawed his way onto the political scene of Talkeetna, Alaska, through a write-in campaign shortly after he was born 15 years ago.

KTUU-TV reported Friday that residents didn't like the mayoral candi-

dates years ago, so they encouraged enough people to elect Stubbs as a write-in candidate. The town has nearly 900 residents.

Although his position is honorary, Stubbs' popularity is real. His election earned him enough press to catapult the town at the base of Mount McKinley into a tourist destination.

Residents say they're happy that their stubby-tailed mayor is promoting tourism. The general store where Stubbs hangs out says it gets dozens of tourists a day asking for him.

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# Toy blocks stack up to be fine art



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## Piece by piece

**Exhibition displays  
Lego-only sculptures**

A visitor looks at New York-based artist Nathan Sawaya's artwork dubbed "T-Rax," constructed with Lego bricks during The Art of the Brick exhibition in Taipei, Taiwan, on Sunday.

The exhibition, also on tour in North America and Australia, is the first to display sculptures made solely of Lego bricks.

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## The artist, the man

- Growing up, Sawaya was always a creative child. From drawing cartoons, crafting stories, perfecting magic tricks and, obviously, playing with Lego, he was able to discover his talent.

- He worked as a corporate lawyer until 2001, when he quit to take a job as a builder at Lego-land — a job that paid only \$30,000 US.

- He now works as a freelance artist and accepts commissions from celebrities, corporations and everything in between.



Does this Lego man look familiar?  
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## Building blocks

**"I buy all of my bricks just like everyone else. I spend over six figures on bricks annually. My local Target loves me."**

Nathan Sawaya in a statement on his website, regarding the 1.5-million coloured bricks in his New York studio.

## Check it out

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## Twitter

@lifeofmytime:

So I've just discovered there are at least 3 Melanie MacDonalds from Halifax on Twitter. Not cool gang. Not cool.

@kristenlatkins:

Eating a subway sandwich outside the library. An army of pigeons stand at my feet watching. #halifax #leavemealone

@KimmieMiles:

Watched the Give a Little @hansonmusic video last night. It hit

me and started bawling! Cannot wait for Aug 23rd in Halifax! #dreamcometrue

@bloodydiamonds\_:

Whoever is jamming close to me on Bliss Street, I can hear you, and it's awesome. #Halifax #SundayJams

@noellemunaretto:

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## SCENE

## Box office

**Ice Age  
freezes out  
competition**

With Batman lurking, the prehistoric critters of *Ice Age: Continental Drift* ran off with the box office, with the movie earning \$46 million in its opening weekend. The 20th Century Fox animated film is the fourth in the decade-long *Ice Age* series and the first in 3-D. The studio's box office estimate Sunday for the North America performance of *Continental Drift* was on par with previous *Ice Age* movies but well below the opening weekend of the second installment, *The Meltdown*, which opened with \$68 million. In its second week of release, *The Amazing Spider-Man*, Sony's reboot of the web-slinging superhero, earned \$35 million, pushing it just past a total of \$200 million domestically. The much-anticipated *Batman* sequel *The Dark Knight Rises* opens Friday.

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## On the web



French far-right party to sue Madonna for video showing its leader with swastika

# Batman royale

A quintet of actors have donned the cowl and taken up the mantle of film's guardian of Gotham City. While they all hide out in a cave and chase after deranged nutballs, there are many hues of grey in the *Batman* rainbow, from winking goofball to neurotic loner in need of Zolof. The question is: If you needed to summon the Dark Knight (taping a bat emblem to a flashlight can work in a pinch), which iteration would you want strapping on the utility belt?

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scene@metronews.ca**Adam West**

In spite of the barrage of Hollywood blockbusters that followed his tenure in the suit, the irreverent hero who saves the day by bam, zap, and ka-pow-ing scores of henchmen remains the definitive *Batman* in much of the world. The '60s TV series and its companion movie were the height of camp. West delivered his kooky lines with deadpan sincerity, wearing the scripts' overt corniness all over his polyester batsleeves and his underwear on the wrong side of his pants. But after West drank a cool glass of milk he could get to the bottom of any pun-ridden plot.

**Après *Batman Utility*:** West was offered the part of James Bond in *Diamonds Are Forever* and turned it down. Nowadays he voices Mayor Adam West, a nutty caricature of himself, on *Family Guy*.

Batarangs: 9 out of 10

**Michael Keaton**

When Keaton first got the nod to play *Batman* in the 1989 Tim Burton directed reboot, fan-boys griped that the star of *Mr. Mom* and *Beetlejuice* was an out-of-left-field choice. But Keaton would win over even the most persnickety of the bunch and reprised the role in 1992's *Batman Returns*. Despite a restrictive rubber bat suit that often made his movements appear stiff and wooden, Keaton clicked on all cylinders as the stoic vigilante plagued by the anguish of his parents' murder.

**Après *Batman Utility*:** Keaton's arched eyebrows turned up in a bunch in '90s movies but his output mellowed into the millennium as he started taking on daddy roles in forgettable fare like *First Daughter* and *Post-Grad*.

Batarangs: 8 out of 10

**Val Kilmer**

Kilmer had his hands full in 1995's *Batman Forever*. He was tasked with grooming an acrobatic sidekick and wooing a sexy psychologist all while squaring off against a pair of fiendishly insidious maniacs from his rogues gallery in *Riddler* and *Two-Face*. Kilmer was an assured and appealing *Batman* and gets top marks for looking a lot more like the comic book depiction of Bruce Wayne as a gallivanting playboy than his predecessors. Meanwhile, Kilmer's reportedly batty behaviour between takes had him at loggerheads with director Joel Schumacher. "Val is the most psychologically troubled human being I've ever worked with," he told *Premiere* magazine.

**Après *Batman Utility*:** While his 1990s heyday was well in the rearview, the now chubbier Julliard-schooled thespian continues to work steadily.

Batarangs: 7 out of 10

**George Clooney**

Clooney had the misfortune of starring in the nadir of *Batman* flicks and having the most anatomical suit complete with nipples. A critical and commercial flop, *Batman & Robin* meanders for 125 merciless minutes of canned dialogue, hokey one-liners, and senseless subplot overload. Clooney didn't do the movie any favours. He failed to capture the spirit of the character and comes across as way too dull and well adjusted to be believable as a modern version of the World's Greatest Detective. Compared with the previous two *Batman* incarnations, he is *Papa Smurf* in a cape with some kung-fu moves.

**Après *Batman Utility*:** Clooney was still doing *ER* when he shot *Batman*'s biggest clunker. Despite his tarnishing of the bat-cowl, his Hollywood heavyweight years were still ahead of him.

Batarangs: 3 out of 10

**Christian Bale**

The first time Bale pulled on the *Batman* costume he freaked out. "The claustrophobia was just unbelievable," said Bale at a recent press conference for *The Dark Knight Rises*. "I stood there and I thought, 'I can't breathe. I can't think. This is too tight, this is squeezing my head. I'm about to have a nervous breakdown.'" Once he got his bearings Bale plumbed the darkest and most tortured corners of the D.C. character's psyche for inspiration. Unfortunately his thorough probe also produced his ridiculous snarl. Bale makes *Batman* sound like a guy in the witness protection program being interviewed on *Dateline*. He should try a duet with Tom Waits with that gravely tone.

**Après *Batman Utility*:** While Christopher Nolan's *Batman* trilogy has kept Bale busy, he's also managed to work his magic in *The Prestige* and take home a best supporting actor Oscar for his turn in *The Fighter*.

Batarangs: 7.5 out of 10



# METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

## The Word



## Zombie apocalypse even more doomed

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Even for a zombie film, things are getting messy on the set of World War Z. After rewrites, the price tag is inching towards \$170 million, and the studio still isn't happy with the ending, according to Vulture.

It's so tense that Brad Pitt — who stars as a UN employee tasked with interviewing survivors after a worldwide zombie attack

— is rumoured to no longer be on speaking terms with director Marc Forster, who may be replaced for upcoming reshoots.

"They have to be careful, because the (Directors Guild of America) has strict rules that say Forster has to be there on the set," a source a source tells the site. "But someone is likely to be brought in to help direct the new action scenes."

The highly anticipated horror film, of course, has a history of trouble. Producers passed on shooting in Philadelphia — where the story is set, for obvious reasons, but the zombies are unionized — and instead set up shop in Glasgow, which has a pesky sense of hope in the air.



Hope Solo. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

## What really goes on in the Olympic Village

The world's best athletes engage in a very adult form of exercise in the Olympic Village, if U.S. gold medalist Hope Solo is to be believed.

"There's a lot of sex going on," she tells ESPN. "With a once-in-a-lifetime experience, you want to build memories, whether it's sexual, partying or on the field. I've seen people having sex right out in the open. On the grass, between buildings, people are getting down and dirty."

And according to the incredibly forthcoming soccer player, shenanigans at the Beijing Olympics in 2008 weren't just between athletes and other athletes.

"I may have snuck a celebrity back to my room without anybody knowing, and snuck him back out," Solo teases. "But that's my Olympic secret."

And late nights are apparently the norm — or at least they were during in Beijing.

"When we were done partying, we got out of our nice dresses, got back into our stadium coats and, at 7 a.m. with no sleep, went on

the Today show drunk," Solo says. "Needless to say, we looked like hell."

## A very Gaga sleepover

Lady Gaga reportedly hosted a sleepover at the Chateau Marmont with fellow 26-year-olds Lindsay Lohan and singer Lana del Ray, spending the evening "watching old movies and playing board games," sources tell X17.

"The three of them had dinner in the garden on Tuesday night at Chateau, and then Lindsay and Gaga ran upstairs to play dress-up and came down in different outfits," a source says. But judging by Gaga's Twitter feed, Lohan wasn't eating much.

"When you ordered a cucumber and a knife to the bar last night, I thought you were going to perform a vasectomy. Just a skinny b—," the singer tweeted to Lohan the next morning.



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## LIFE

### Body image

## Teen Vogue snubs protestors

Two girl crusaders who staged a mock red carpet show against Teen Vogue said their meeting with the magazine's top editor was brief and chilly.

The two met with editor-in-chief Amy Astley for less than five minutes last week, when they delivered a petition bearing more than 28,000 signatures after their Times Square protest near the offices of the magazine. Astley did not talk to Emma Stydahr, 17, or Carina Cruz, 16, about their request for Teen Vogue to declare in its pages that it doesn't digitally manipulate images. Instead, the girls were given copies of Teen Vogue and told to use them to learn more about the magazine.

"It was kind of shocking how rude they were to us," Carina said in a statement released by their all-girl activist group, SPARK Movement.

The magazine released its own statement. "We are always open to readers' feedback and were receptive to meeting with Emma and Carina to give them an opportunity to discuss their concerns," it said a day after saying it makes a "conscious and continuous effort to promote a positive body image among our readers."

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### On the Web



Good-natured dogs from NYC and Virginia get married at \$158,000 extravaganza for charity

# They had an abortion pact

**Genetics.** If you knew your child would have a genetic disorder, would you abort?

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When Rachel and her husband learned that they were pregnant, they began to weigh the possibility of having a child with a severe genetic disorder.

Conceiving at the "advanced maternal age" of 35 years old, Rachel was aware that both she and her husband, aged 40, were at a higher risk for having a child with down syndrome, among other conditions.

They decided that should their fetus test positive for a severe genetic disorder, they would choose abortion.

In retrospect, the now mother to a healthy baby boy says that she and her husband mainly considered quality of a life and what the baby would ultimately prefer.

"We had to ask ourselves what we would want if we were the fetus. Life is challenging enough when you have all of your physical and emotional capacities in check," she says.

## A controversial form of testing

Emotionally, both pro-choice parents worried they could not be a sturdy support system to a struggling child. The fear of failing a suffering kid caused both Rachel and her husband multiple panic attacks as they readied their life for a new addition.

Financial components also had husband and wife realizing that they couldn't afford treatment for severe disabilities. At the time they found themselves pregnant, Rachel had started a new business and her husband was a teacher.

Rachel's pact with her husband mirrors concerns some



With whole genome genetic testing, some women say they would abort a baby with a disability. THINKSTOCK

doctors have about the availability of noninvasive genetic testing. Between daddy's saliva and mommy's blood, scientists can now access a baby's entire genome with a peek into mutations that cause autism.

Other developing blood tests can determine a baby's likelihood to be born with down syndrome following just a few weeks after conception. And understandably, doctors are concerned for what ethical

territory some parents are willing to foray into.

Dr. Arthur Caplan told ABC News that parents obtaining accurate genetic information about their unborn "will be among the most controversial forms of testing ever to appear in medicine as the debate over abortion and disabilities shift to whole genome genetic testing."

Marcy Darnovsky, associate executive director of the Center for Genetics and Society, told The New York Times the access-

ibility of tests will cause "who deserves to be born" dialogues between parents and doctors.

## "It is a very personal choice"

Nevertheless, Rachel is contemplating expanding her family once again with the same approach in mind. This time both she and her husband will be even older. "If we did, or do in the future, have another

child and they are born with a disability, we would raise them to the best of our ability and give them all the love we have to give. However, given the choice, we would allow a healthier spirit to come into the world at another time.

"It is a very personal choice and never an easy one," she adds. "There is nothing easy for women, pro-choice or not, about terminating a pregnancy. There will inevitably be an emotional hurdle to go over."

# I'm a mom and a smoker, OK?

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Like a lot of mothers, actress Hilary Duff — who was recently caught holding a cigarette — probably smokes. Duff was trending on Twitter last week because the new mom was holding a butt. People, it seems, are mad at her because not only was she caught with a butt but she's a new mother, which somehow makes it worse.

Duff apologized and in-

sisted she was holding the cigarette for a friend. "It looks worse than it is," she said. Honey, it's OK. Just say you're trying to quit.

I know this feeling because I, too, am a part-time smoker. I am not proud of this. Starting to smoke was the worst thing I have ever done, especially since I started smoking in my 20s, which is way past the time anyone with half a brain should start to smoke.

I have a group of friends — all mommies — who know I smoke, because they smoke,

too. Sometimes, I feel like my house is a day care for smoking mommies. But, like Hilary Duff, no mother I know wants anyone to know she smokes.

The problem with mommy smokers is that while it only takes a few minutes to have a cigarette, it takes twice as long for the after cigarette process.

This includes watching friends wash their hands and faces manically, Purell their hands, spray themselves with hand spray, suck back mints or pop in a piece of gum and take off their "smoking" sweater,

which they put on to cover their clothes before they light up. They also always tie their hair back.

The point is all mothers already know that smoking is disgusting.

Not that I'm judging Duff. I think she needs to hide her habit a bit better. I'm suggesting she does what the rest of my mommy smoker friends do, which is stop by my place and use my backyard or go into an alleyway.

Because after all, Hilary Duff, you're a new mother.



I'll huff and I'll puff. THINKSTOCK



# First meal of the day at camp just got more exciting

For some campfire infused fare try earthy Fried Eggs with a Medley of Sweet Peppers. While your package of peppers steams on the grill, fry a couple of eggs in a cast-iron skillet over the fire — your eggs will have never tasted better.

1. In bowl, toss peppers, red onion, garlic, rosemary, olive oil, lemon juice, salt and pepper until combined.

## Ingredients

### Peppers

- 1 each red, yellow, orange and green sweet pepper, seeded and thinly sliced
- 1 large red onion, thinly sliced
- 4 cloves garlic, thinly sliced
- 4 sprigs of dried rosemary
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) extra-virgin olive oil
- ½ lemon, juiced
- ½ tsp (2 ml) salt and pepper

### Eggs

- 2 tbsp (25 ml) butter
- 6 eggs
- Salt and pepper



This recipe serves six. EGG FARMERS OF ONTARIO

2. Divide mix between 2 sheets of heavy duty aluminum foil. Roll to form package. Wrap each again securely in another sheet of foil to double wrap.

3. Place packages on greased grill over hot coals of campfire and cook, turning once, until

peppers are tender, 12 mins.

4. Meanwhile, melt butter in large cast-iron skillet. Crack 3 eggs into skillet and sprinkle with salt and pepper.

5. Let eggs cook until whites begin to turn opaque, 3 mins.

If you wish, turn eggs over and continue cooking, just until yolk begins to set, about 1 min. Repeat with remaining eggs.

6. To serve, divide pepper mixture on plates and place an egg on top of each serving of peppers. EGG FARMERS OF ONTARIO

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## Health. Whole-Grain Apple & Ham Breakfast Casserole

Assembled entirely the night before, this breakfast casserole has all the makings of a great start to the day — whole-grains, lean protein, even some fruit.

1. Night before, in casserole dish toss ham, apples, bread cubes and cheese. Set aside.

2. In a medium bowl, beat together the egg whites and

fat-free half-and-half. Pour the egg mixture over the bread and meat. Use a fork to gently press the bread to help it absorb the liquid. Sprinkle the Parmesan cheese over the casserole. Cover the dish with foil and refrigerate until morning.

3. When ready to bake, heat the oven to 375 F. Bake the casserole, covered, for 20 minutes,

## Ingredients

- 4 oz deli-sliced ham, chopped
- 3 apples, peeled, cored, diced
- 6 slices whole-grain bread, cubed
- 1/2 cup low-fat shredded cheddar cheese
- 8 egg whites
- 3/4 cup fat-free half-and-half
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan

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Meredith Shaw, singer-songwriter, radio host and business owner. PROVIDED

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"It's awesome when you get what you want to do most in life."

For Meredith Shaw that's making music.

The singer-songwriter has been performing most of her life and got her big break when Gordie Johnson of reggae-rock band Big Sugar took her under his wing. Johnson produced her CD Place Called Happy and invited her to tour with his band.

"Between touring with Big Sugar, doing my solo shows, hosting my radio show (with Toronto's Boom 97.3) and mufmade (her greeting card company) it's been incredible. I'm so grateful."

Meredith's single, Girls Who Believe, is a hit and now she's reaching out to inspire other young girls to go after their dreams.

She's launched a Canada-wide contest for girls to appear in her next video.

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# Work wardrobes that actually work

**Dress for success.** How to keep your attire professional while maintaining your personal style

you're giving the impression that you don't belong in it — like you borrowed your dad's suit. So I work a lot with my clients on making sure the clothes you have on really do fit you and your body type.

But, especially with first impressions, nobody ever says, "This person looks too professional for this setting."

**Is there a purpose to dressing for work, beyond just getting the job and looking professional?**

Oh yes. For starters, if you make yourself stand out in a work environment that creates a subconscious reaction in others: You feel less approachable to them. At the same time, you don't want to feel like you've lost your personality. You want to let yourself think outside of the box. It's a constant balance.

**How do you balance feeling like yourself and fitting into a business environment?**

Sometimes people want to hold on to how they dress as their own creative outlet. And I encourage that in small doses: a fun tie, suspenders instead of a belt or an unusual pair of socks.

## What to buy?

Personal stylist SooJin K. Chu recommends the following for a professional wardrobe starter closet:

- **Men:** Total budget: \$3,000, including one amazing suit (\$600-\$800), a pair of terrific shoes, eight dress pants and a lot of really good shirts
- **Women:** Total budget: \$2,500, including six dress pants, three to four skirts, three jackets and "a whole mess of blouses."

SooJin K. Chu is the founder of Swagger & Glide, a Boston-based personal shopper/fashion consultant company.

Chu specializes in customizing wardrobes to specific professional environments while incorporating personal taste.

**What's the first thing you address when working on a client's professional wardrobe?**

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Mooseheads

## Eichel chooses U.S. route, for now

The Halifax Mooseheads won't have Jack Eichel in their lineup for the start of the 2012-13 season, but the talented centre could still end up with the Herd eventually.

Eichel, the Mooseheads' first pick, 15th overall, in June's QMJHL draft, informed the club on Friday he will follow through on his commitment to join the U.S. development program this coming season.

Although the North Chelmsford, Mass., native has also committed to Boston University starting in 2014-15, Mooseheads general manager Cam Russell said Eichel has "indicated major junior interests him."

"Anything can happen," said Mooseheads general manager Cam Russell. "But we're not trying to cloud the picture for him or get in his way. We've told him what our program's all about and we've talked to him. The door is always open and we'll go from there."

The Mooseheads considered the six-foot, 175-pound Eichel the best player in the draft — raving about his ability to create offence — and scouts said he could step into a job as a top-six QMJHL forward right away.

Although Russell said the Mooseheads are disappointed they won't have the 15-year-old around as they take a run at their first QMJHL championship, he doesn't regret making the pick.

"He was the guy we wanted to get, we got him, and we hope at some point he will play for the Mooseheads," Russell said. "It's worth the risk. To trade that pick, there was nothing at that time that we could move that pick for that would help us at this time. We felt it was a great opportunity to get a world-class player."

A spokesman with USA Hockey said Eichel is scheduled to join the U.S. under-17 team, coached by Danton Cole, in Ann Arbor, Mich., on Aug. 29.

MATTHEW WUEST/METRO



Mooseheads forward Luca Ciampini skates in front of Moncton Wildcats goaltender Brandon Thibreau during the 2012 QMJHL playoffs. METRO FILE

# Mooseheads seek scoring support from within

**QMJHL.** With Jack Eichel out of the picture, GM Cam Russell expects breakthrough seasons from returnees



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Jack Eichel's decision to stay south of the border this coming season leaves a wide-open competition for jobs on the Halifax Mooseheads' top two lines.

Without the high-scoring American in the fold, the Mooseheads will be looking for secondary scoring from a group that includes over-ager Stefan Fournier, 19-year-olds Darcy Ashley, Matthew Boudreau and Brent Andrews, and 18-year-olds Luca Ciampini and Andrew Ryan.

While they need no introduction, Nathan MacKinnon, Jonathan Drouin and Martin Frk are the club's primary weapons.

"I think we're very deep up front, and everyone's a year older now," said Mooseheads general manager Cam Russell. "We've got players capable of scoring and players who are capable of bringing other assets to the table as well. Right now, I like where we're at."

The highest-scoring players in that group are Fournier, acquired from the Victoriaville Tigres in June after a 32-goal campaign; Boudreau, who had 26 goals among 56 points last season and Ashley, who was close behind with 23 goals among 55 points.

Andrews, meanwhile, is a faceoff wiz and penalty-killing ace who is highly effective in a third-line role.

Perhaps the most intriguing players in that group

### By the numbers

Scoring stats for key returning Mooseheads forwards (x-acquired in off-season):

	GP	G	A	P
Nathan MacKinnon	58	31	47	78
x-Stefan Fournier	64	32	33	65
Matthew Boudreau	67	26	30	56
Darcy Ashley	62	23	32	55
Luca Ciampini	68	11	24	35
Brent Andrews	61	13	17	30
Martin Frk	34	16	13	29
Jonathan Drouin	33	7	22	29
Andrew Ryan	45	10	13	23

are Ciampini and Ryan. Selected high in the 2010 draft — second and 19th overall, respectively — both were big scorers at the midlevel and both have untapped offensive upside. Russell believes Ciampini and Ryan are capable of taking a big step forward and isn't concerned they haven't done so yet.

"Every now and then guys

can step in at 16 and 17 and make an impact, but realistically that doesn't happen very often," Russell said. "The biggest difference we see with players is when they go from 17 to 18. They have a chance to come into their own, and these guys who are turning 18, 19 are going to have big years."

All of it will make for a competitive training camp when veterans arrive at Cole Harbour Place on Aug. 20. Prime ice time will be up for grabs and nobody from that secondary group has a lock on a top-six spot.

"That's what makes for a really good hockey team, when there's a constant competition," Russell said. "Everybody's pushing, and you have to earn what you get. It's not given to you. If you have a situation where players are given opportunities and spots without earning them, you're looking at a recipe for disaster."

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## SPORTS

### Soccer

## Original MLS player achieves all-star status

Ramiro Corrales, the only active player in Major League Soccer who was there when the league started in 1996, is on the all-star team. The San Jose Earthquakes defender was chosen by commissioner Don Garber to the 18-man squad on Sunday, joining 11 players voted to the team by fans, and Garber's other pick, Philadelphia Union defender Carlos Valdes. The MLS all-stars will play Chelsea on July 25 in Philadelphia.

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### Mobile sports



With the crowd roaring, Padraig Harrington got so excited after holing the 18th green at Royal Lytham and St. Annes in 1996 that he forgot what he was doing. Scan the code to find out why Harrington and other golfers say the British Open is "like no other major."



Jack Eichel GETTY IMAGES FILE



Jennifer Abel works out at Montreal 1976 Olympic Pool in April. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# Abel's mind all clear heading into London

**Diving.** Laval, Que., diver in fine form heading into second Games at age 20

Every Olympics provides us with a belle of the ball.

All of these athletes are so young, so unaffected, so uncommonly nice. We like a bit of growl from a pro, but the Olympics is a social experiment proving to us that you don't have to be fitful and snarling to be great at something.

There are a wide variety of Canadian candidates for that role in London, but few have the elfin charm of Laval, Que., native Jennifer Abel.

When she walks into a room, Abel does so on her toes, like a dancer. She has that open, slightly sideways smile designed for maximum, childlike endearment. She is shy, especially when speaking English.

"I have been taking an English course," Abel says. The accent is hard, all Quebec. She

pauses. "Class? Course? Do you say 'class' or 'course'?"

Either, which proves that it's working.

Canada is not a factory producing child divers. Abel was one of the youngest ever when she earned a senior spot at age 15, and an Olympic berth at 16. She placed a very respectable 13th on the three-metre board in Beijing.

While Canada's diving team is still associated with two long-serving veterans — Emilie Heymans (Abel's three-metre synchro partner) and Alex Despatie — it is Abel who comes in on the best run of form.

She did not miss a podium during the 2011 season on the three-metre board. She won a bronze at the world aquatics championships in that event and a silver with Heymans in synchro. Along with freestyle distance swimmer Ryan Cochrane, Abel was named Canada's 2011 aquatic athlete of the year.

This sort of achievement obviously requires focus, but Abel comes across as a dreamy sort.

## Quoted

**"The time I'm in the air seems so long. Sometimes it feels like I have to think about everything.... It feels like my life passes in front of me before I hit the water."**

Jennifer Abel

When she was about 12, she skimmed the board with her head on a rotation during practice. It fixed in her a fear of hurting herself during a dive (ask Despatie about how real that feeling is). She decided she was done with diving. Her family and coaches coaxed her back to the pool. And she adapted to that fear in an odd way. While most divers spend the moments before their dive running through its many complications, Abel does the opposite.

"Nothing. I'm thinking nothing before. If I try to visualize, I will visualize that I am hurting myself," Abel says.

She brought that looseness to Beijing. There are a

## Back on the board

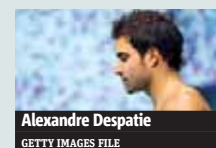
Canadian diver Alexandre Despatie has cleared a psychological hurdle in his comeback from a head injury.

- On Friday, he completed the dive that landed him in hospital with a concussion last month and put his London Games preparation in jeopardy.

- "Today has been a memorable one!" Despatie said on Twitter. "This morning I did 'THE' dive again...It went well! I was a bit emotional

after...But a big step for me! #proud."

- The 27-year-old from Laval, Que., smashed his head during practice in June, leaving a 10-centimetre gash near his hairline that required surgery. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Alexandre Despatie  
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thousand good reasons why someone doesn't do as well as they might have dreamed they could. Like the rest of us, Olympians are not realists. They know their place well before they arrive, but cling to the idea that the unrealized breakthrough could happen at the perfect moment.

Sometimes, the hope confuses the reality. Many speak of their first Olympics as a teach-

able moment that has nothing to do with sports, and everything to do with adaptation to the stage itself.

Abel won't allow herself to think that way.

"In Beijing, I wasn't nervous at all. I didn't pay attention to anything, to how big it is," she says. "But now I know. Last time I came 13th. All I want to do is beat that place."

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## Suspension overturned

### IOC changes tune on Kuwaiti flag

The IOC lifted a ban on Kuwait's Olympic Committee, allowing the athletes from the Gulf emirate to compete under their country's flag at the London Games.

The International Olympic Committee suspended Kuwait in 2010 because of political interference. The IOC said in May that Kuwaiti athletes would be allowed to participate at the Games despite the dispute, but would have to compete and march in the opening ceremony under the Olympic flag. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Racism allegations

### Aussie Steffensen threatens to sit out after 400m snub

Australian track athlete John Steffensen has threatened to boycott the London Olympics after alleging racism because he was not selected individually to run the 400 metres and was given only a relay spot.

Steffensen, in a television interview, accused Athletics Australia of racial vilification and said he would bypass the Games in protest. The dual Commonwealth Games gold medallist was upset after an individual 400 berth was granted to teenager Steve Solomon, a runner who also achieved a B-qualifying time.

Steffensen was selected only as a member of Australia's 4x400 relay team.

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John Steffensen  
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# Organizers sprint to complete finishing touches



Workers carry scaffolding next to the Riverbank Arena in the Olympic Park on Sunday in London. JAE HONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

With the opening ceremony less than two weeks away, there's a mad dash to the finish line at the Olympics and it has nothing to do with sprinters.

Hundreds of construction workers are toiling away inside the Olympic Park, laying cables, installing seats and adding the last layers of sparkle and polish to the venues.

There's plenty to do. "It's looking a bit industrial isn't it?" said Chris Allen, a local who came to the edge of the park to have a look. "I am not seeing England's green fields. I

## Quoted

**"They look unfinished before you get there. But the venues are ready. They've been tested."**

Andrew Boff, a member of the London Assembly and vocal critic of the Olympic project.

do hope it's going to look better."

Shades of Athens, where chronic delays pushed workers to the brink to complete preparations in time for the Games to start in 2004? Hardly, say London organizers, who have prided themselves on finishing their massive construction

project ahead of time and on budget. Things may look a bit messy now, they say, but all will be fine by the time the curtain goes up on July 27, when the torch is lit.

"We're not at the stage yet where we're ready to flick the TV on," James Bulley, director of venues for the organizing

committee LOCOG, told The Associated Press. "The athletes aren't ready to start competing yet, either. We want all our venues to look absolutely spectacular and pristine.

"The venues are ready. We're now just doing the final setup for the Games. We're in a good place. We're on track. There's nothing I'm worried about."

The last few weeks and days are all about putting up signs, fitting in the remaining seats and completing the landscaping. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



# Villanueva digs deep to blank Indians

**MLB.** Blue Jays starter gets career high eight strikeouts in the 3-0 win

Carlos Villanueva was out of gas and almost out of time, so what's a tired pitcher to do with his last offering of a game?

Throw something no one's really expecting and hope for the best.

Villanueva, giving the Blue Jays the outing that they needed, fanned Cleveland's Casey Kotchman with two out and two on to end the sixth inning at the Rogers Centre on Sunday, the key out to quell the final uprising as Toronto blanked the Indians 3-0 before an announced crowd of 26,407.

And the big out came in part by blind luck.

"Sometimes there's nothing better than a good old backup slider. I think it surprised everybody, me, him, J.P. (Arencebia behind the plate), everybody," Villanueva said after he set a career high with eight strikeouts to run his record to 4-0.

"That's why he swung through it, it was such a bad pitch.... Didn't know where it was going to go and he



Pitcher Carlos Villanueva tosses the ball after catching a line drive Sunday in Toronto. AARON VINCENT  
ELKAIM/THE CANADIAN PRESS

swung through it. I don't really care how it happens, it got the last out."

The 28-year-old Villanueva gave up only three hits in six innings, never more than one in an inning, and pitched himself out of a couple of ticklish situations.

The Jays gave Villanueva small cushion with a three-run third inning, helped by a bout of wildness from Indians starter Derek Lowe.

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## Santos done for season

The Toronto Blue Jays will need to wait until next season to see if Sergio Santos is the closer they hope he is.

- Santos will undergo season-ending shoulder surgery after he felt dis-

comfort during a throwing session Saturday.

- A timeline for the 29-year-old's return won't be established until after the surgery.

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## Luis Leon Sanchez wins Tour stage marred by tacks on road

Spectators push riders, including Joan Horrach of Spain, left, as they climb Mur de Peguere Sunday in France during the 14th stage of the Tour de France. Luis Leon Sanchez of Spain used his time-trial experience to claim a solo victory in the stage while Bradley Wiggins retained the yellow jersey as the three-week race entered the Pyrenees on Sunday. Tour de France officials are asking police to investigate the presence of tacks on the route — causing around 30 riders, including yellow-jersey contender Cadel Evans, to encounter punctures. The Sky Team, lead by Wiggins, encouraged the pack to not speed ahead or take advantage and Evans was eventually able to catch up to the peloton. CHRISTOPHE ENA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## NFL. Brees signs historic 5-year, \$100M contract

Drew Brees took some time out of his Sunday to sign autographs on items ranging from a black jersey handed to him by a fan to a \$100 million U.S. contract handed to him by the New Orleans Saints.

The star quarterback, who had agreed verbally to his historic deal Friday, visited team headquarters to take a physical and put pen to paper on the five-year contract that gives him the highest aver-

age annual pay (\$20 million) in NFL history.

Brees then grabbed a sandwich to go at a Jimmy John's sandwich shop he owns, where he posed for photos, shook hands and signed autographs for star-struck fans.

Brees said he was eager to rejoin his teammates after a protracted contract holdout that ran parallel to a bounty scandal that has swirled around the Saints since March. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## NBA. Jason Kidd arrested on drunk-driving charge

New York Knicks point guard Jason Kidd was arrested on a drunk-driving charge after police said he crashed his SUV into a telephone pole in the Hamptons on Sunday, days after signing with the Knicks.

Treated at a hospital for minor injuries after the crash, Kidd was arraigned on a misdemeanor driving-while-intoxicated charge and released without bail, Southampton

Town police said.

His attorney, Ed Burke Jr., said in a statement that Kidd was returning from a charity function before his accident, had pleaded not guilty to the DWI charge and was awaiting further court proceedings.

The Knicks signed Kidd away from the Dallas Mavericks this week in a deal that will pay him about \$3 million US a year.

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## Horoscopes

### ♈ Aries

**March 21 - April 20**

You have wasted far too much time on issues that in the greater scheme of things just do not matter. That needs to change. It's time to get serious about what is truly important in your life, starting with your family.

### ♉ Taurus

**April 21 - May 21**

You know what you want and you know how to get it and come the new moon on Thursday it will be in your possession. When it comes to satisfying your physical and emotional desires, nothing gets in the way!

### ♊ Gemini

**May 22 - June 20**

No matter what you are going through at the moment you know what needs to be done to remedy the situation. So do it. Others will come to you with their problems too but they must be told to wait.

### ♋ Cancer

**June 21 - July 22**

You don't lack for opinions and over the next few days you won't lack for the confidence to express them. Just make sure that everything you say is based on genuine facts. Wishful thinking is not good enough.

### ♌ Leo

**July 23 - Aug. 22**

Some things will make no sense at all over the next few days. Should you be worried? Not really. There is a method behind the apparent madness of current events — it's just that you can't quite see it yet.

### ♍ Virgo

**Aug. 23 - Sept. 22**

The closer you get to Thursday's new moon the sharper your vision will be. Your inner vision too will be clear and strong and you'll know without a shadow of a doubt what needs to be done. So do it.

### ♎ Libra

**Sept. 23 - Oct. 22**

Get serious about your aims and ambitions this week. Even if you are the type of Libra who finds it hard to be decisive you will be motivated to start something new over the next few days. Make it big.

### ♏ Scorpio

**Oct. 23 - Nov. 21**

You will have to deal with people whose ideas and opinions are the opposite to your own today but you can still get along. In fact it is quite likely you will be inspired by their different take on reality.

### ♐ Sagittarius

**Nov. 22 - Dec. 21**

Even if you don't see yourself as particularly ambitious you will want to move up in the world over the next few days. More to the point you will want to see your income improve. You're worth more than you're getting.

### ♑ Capricorn

**Oct. 23 - Nov. 21**

Let certain people know why you need to break free. They will, of course, disagree with every word you say but you are determined to do things your way for a change. Good for you. It's your life after all.

### ♒ Aquarius

**Jan. 21 - Feb 18**

The more you worry about your money situation the more you set up a negative feedback loop, which just makes matters worse. Focus on something positive today, something that brings a smile to your face.

### ♓ Pisces

**Feb. 19 - March 20**

If you've got something to say then you must say it, no matter what the consequences might be. Put your point of view across simply but forcefully, then listen carefully to the replies that come in.

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## Crossword

### Across

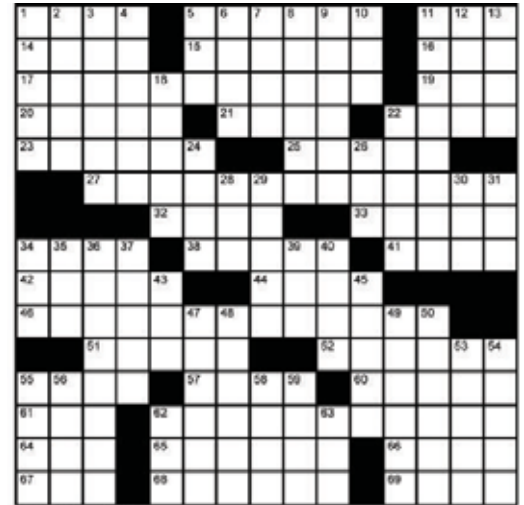
- Land of the Midnight Sun dweller
- In 1534, Jacques Cartier landed on the Gaspé Peninsula and claimed the land for this country
- 1501
- One of the reeds
- Cleaning these stables was one of the 12 tasks of Hercules
- Colgate competitor
- Paul de \_\_\_\_: founder in 1642 of Ville-Marie (Montreal)
- "\_\_\_\_ thousand times ..."
- Spotty breakouts
- Org. probing for outer-space life
- Bearer of bad luck
- "\_\_\_\_ shabby!"
- "\_\_\_\_ Joe's": diner invitation
- In 1926, it defined British dominions as equal in status
- Gunfight at the OK Corral survivor now buried in Colma, California
- Nearby movie houses, colloquially
- VIP wheels
- In 1994, this pact linked Canada, the United States, and Mexico
- Canada joined this mutual defense org. in 1949
- Garnish
- The Lord of the Rings creatures
- Alberta and Saskatchewan became part of this on Sept. 1, 1906
- Fiddler on the Roof dairyman
- Bring in
- Ossó \_\_\_\_ (Italian veal dish)
- First name in jazz singing
- Madagascar tree climber

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- Ontario's precursor, established in 1791
- "Great" or "Little" Bahamas island
- Destination in a two-part route
- Spanish coin first minted in 1869
- Computer cooler
- Baseball scores
- "A Death in the Family" writer
- Grammar gender
- Expensive spread
- Québec-to-Montreal dir.
- It joined 46-Across on July 15, 1870
- Singer Celine
- This giant-screen, large-format film medium was developed in Toronto in 1970

### Down

- Willie of Death of a Salesman
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- "\_\_\_\_ Mio": Enrico Caruso hit
- Canada declared war on this country on Dec. 7, 1941
- The end \_\_\_\_ era
- Start of a countdown
28. 60 minuti
- Expecting, as a raise
- Sometimes follows a gen.
- General for whom a style of chicken is named
- Alberta's \_\_\_\_ La Biche
- Exchanged vow



- On September 13, 1759 Wolfe defeated this French commander on the Plains of Abraham
- Monteverdi opera partly set in the underworld
- Refrain syllable
- Broadway opening
- Cal neighbor
- City that was India's summer capital during The Raj
- Colorist's vessel
- Conger trap under water

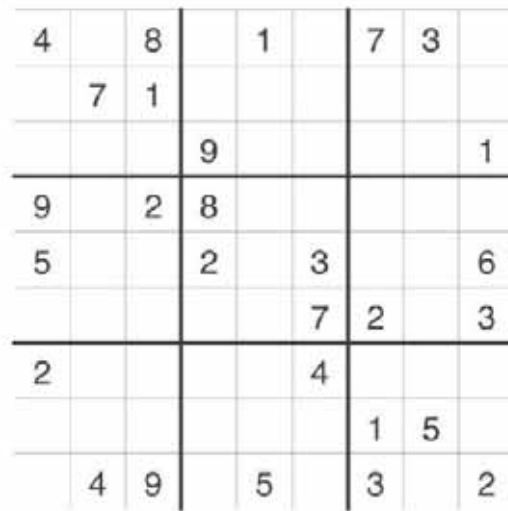
- Without subterfuge
- "Skip the sandwich dressing"
- Not so civil
- East of Eden family name
- He invented the telephone July 26, 1874, in Brantford, Ont.
- Org. that oversaw the Voice of America until 1999
- Swan lover?
- Got \_\_\_\_ deal
- La Cage aux Folles actor Tognazzi
- Windy City rail system, briefly

## Sudoku

### How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

### Friday's Sudoku



## Friday's crossword



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